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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

VFW to host fish fry

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 286 has planned a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 at 3678 W. Old Indiana 24. The menu will include hand-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. All-you-can-eat dine and in and carryout are available. The cost is \$8. It is open to the public.

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Commission seeks nominations for Public Defense Board

Nominations open until Friday, Feb. 28 for Wabash County residents

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana Public Defender Commission is currently accepting nominations for an appointment to the Wabash

County Public Defender Board, according to Andrew S. Cullen, public policy and communications specialist.

"When citizens are accused of a crime and cannot afford an attorney, both the Indiana and United States Constitutions require that they are entitled to an appointed attorney," stated Commission Chair Mark W. Rutherford, "In Wabash County, that system is managed by the Public Defender Board, and citizens are encouraged to take an active involvement in that board."

Indiana statute states that the Wabash County Public Defender Board is composed of three members: one appointed by the County Commissioners, one appointed by the County Judiciary and one appointed by the Commission. The appointee must be a resident of Wabash County.

Based on the statute, appointees must be "persons who have demonstrated an interest in high-quality legal representation for indigent persons." The board meets at least quarterly and has oversight responsibilities for the

delivery of public defense services in Wabash County. Individuals are appointed for a three-year term, which will begin in January.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Cullen stated the term limit was the reason for the vacancy and that "the term of a current judicial appointment has expired."

Nominations are due Friday, Feb. 28. Appointments will be made by the Commission at the March 18 Commission Meeting, which is open to the public.

Wabash County has been participating since 2007 in the Commission's reimbursement program in exchange for following standards for the delivery of public defense services. The county has received approximately \$1.1 million in state funding for public defense since that time.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/publicdefender/>.

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Provided photo

Pictured from left to right: Haley Schrock, Dianne Wichern, John Ingold, Tim Taylor, Kevin Walter, Russ Reahard, Keith McWithey, Dave Kreps, Darwin DeLaughter, Patty Metzger, Tim Brauch and Anne Myers.

A student's perspective on the North Manchester Kiwanis Club

Elementary school journalist explains why local organization is important

By HALEY SCHROCK

Have you ever heard of the North Manchester Kiwanis Club? The Kiwanis are a service club that contributes to community efforts and works to improve the lives in their community. They put together fundraisers for various causes. For example, they raise money for Riley Hospital. Recently, members of the Kiwanis made pillows for the parents that spend the night with their child at the hospital. They stuffed a total of roughly 40 pillows.

There are other fundraisers for Riley Hospital as well. Donations were given to Riley Hospital towards the cause of early infant deaths. Sample size shampoo bottles were also given to help support the children.

The North Manchester Kiwanis started in 1921. This year is their 99th anniversary. Next year, 2021, will be the 100th anniversary. The Kiwanis became international in the early 1950s. They happened to be an all-male organization until 1987 when they began to invite women to be members. Enough about the past, there are people right now keeping the North Manchester Kiwanis as productive as ever. The North Manchester Kiwanis president in 2018-2019 was Dave Kreps. The current president for the North Manchester Kiwanis is Keith McWithey. The treasurer is Anne Myers. The secretary is Dr. David Kreps.

Every year, the Kiwanis have a fish fry in June. This event has been a major suc-

cess in the past. Last year, in 2019, approximately 900 people bought tickets. The Harvest Fest is another lively event that takes place every year. The pork chop sandwiches are a tasty treat to look forward to at the Harvest Fest. Funfest is another opportunity to try these mouthwatering pork chops. These are two wonderful events that are a blast for everybody who goes.

The Kiwanis have painted picnic tables at a local daycare in the past. The beautiful red, green, yellow, and blue picnic tables were painted with care at Warval Park and MELK. Not only that, but they also read books to Head Start classes at local schools and gave each student a book to keep. The Kiwanis charter the local Cub Scouts and baseball league. They will

also be selling and delivering a dozen roses for \$20 in March. Money is saved throughout the year to provide scholarships to graduating students. Blankets were made for the Beamon house in January. Plenty of help was provided at the downtown garden in preparation for winter.

This all leads to the question, what is Kiwanis' goal behind all their hard work and effort?

"Improving the lives of children," is the ultimate answer, according to Keith McWithey.

May we all be inspired by the selflessness and success of the North Manchester Kiwanis. It is a joy to know that the Kiwanis are here in our community.

Haley Schrock a student journalist attending Claypool Elementary School.

Call DOR on Thursdays for quickest service

Call volume reduced during the middle of the week

By STAFF REPORT

Need to call the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) to figure out a tax issue? Try Thursdays, according to a press release.

While DOR's customer service specialists are here to help any weekday during this busy time of year, the day with the lowest call vol-

ume is Thursday, followed by Wednesday.

Need to call sooner? DOR suggests calling early in the day. Customers who call between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday, often experience lower wait times.

Customers with questions about individual income tax, may call DOR Customer Service at 317-232-2240, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Customers also have additional options to contact DOR including:

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- Email DOR. All questions are addressed within four business days. The form to send an email is available at dor.in.gov/3392.htm.

- Follow DOR on social media— search @INRevenue on all social media platforms to find the latest DOR news, updates, helpful

customer tips and get questions answered on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn.

"DOR strives for continuous improvement of all programs and processes," stated the release.

If a customer has feedback or has trouble finding an answer to their question, it is encouraged they submit their feedback using DOR's online customer feedback portal at dor.in.gov/6404.htm.

For more information, visit dor.in.gov.

Plaintiffs’ attorneys take aim at Boy Scouts’ ‘dark history’

By **BRADY MCCOMBS** and **RANDALL CHASE**
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Like millions of other Americans the 1950s and ‘60s, Duane Ruth-Heffebower spent his formative years learning to tie knots, build campfires and pitch tents with the Boy Scouts, whose wholesome, God-fearing reputation was burnished by Normal Rockwell’s magazine-cover paintings of fresh-faced Scouts, brave, courteous and cheerful.

Though he’s no longer involved in scouting, the 70-year-old Mennonite minister from Fresno, California, has followed the slow deterioration of the Boy Scouts of America from afar and cringes to think what this week’s bankruptcy filing over a blizzard of sex-abuse lawsuits might mean for an organization already grappling with a steep decline in membership.

“It’s really sad. I’m afraid that people are going to be more skeptical than they were once about the organization and will be more inclined to look for other alternatives to Scouting,” said Ruth-Heffebower, who grew up in Kansas. “Theses days there are so many things pulling at kids.”

With its finances and its vaunted reputation for moral rectitude damaged by scandal, the Scouts resorted to Chapter 11 bankruptcy Tuesday in hopes of pulling through the crisis by setting up a victims’ compensation fund for thousands of men who were molested as boys by Scout leaders over the decades.

The fund could top \$1 billion, but to raise the money, the national organization could be forced to sell some of its real estate holdings, which include its headquarters in Irving, Texas, and a huge campground in New Mexico.

The bankruptcy case began Wednesday with a court hearing in Wilmington, Delaware, where attorneys for victims made clear they will also go after campsites and other properties owned by the Boy Scouts’ 261 local councils, and will also demand access to internal files containing abusers’ names.

“Here is where we get the story, the dark history of the Boy Scouts. Will those be in the database?” asked plaintiffs’ attorney James Stang, a veteran of several Roman Catholic diocese bankruptcies.

While some of the files on abusers have been released as the result of previous litigation, victims’ attorney Michael Finnegan said thousands of names have still not been disclosed.

“Those names should be made public” so that communities are informed and children made safe, Finnegan said.

The local councils, which

run day-to-day operations for local troops, were not included in the bankruptcy filing and are considered by the Boy Scouts of America to be legally separate entities.

Paul Mones, a Los Angeles attorney representing several alleged victims, predicted a “huge fight” over the locally held assets, adding that their value easily exceeds \$100 million.

“That independence is on paper only,” Mones said of the local councils, adding that the Boy Scouts of America is a “vertically integrated corporation” that exercises considerable influence over the local councils.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein did not immediately rule on access to the files or how the property of the local councils will be treated.

Another battle is taking shape over what deadline the court will set for victims to file claims for compensation. Victims’ attorneys chafed at the notion of an 80-day deadline, saying men who have suffered need more time.

Stang said the victims have experienced “conscience-shaking” trauma and would be forced to revisit painful memories from childhood in documenting their claims.

“These are not 60-year-old men filling out their claim forms,” he said. “These are 8-year-old children filling out the claim forms.”

Mones called 80 days “wholly insufficient” and said that since the bankruptcy filing lawyers have been fielding calls from “confused, upset and angry men.”

Boy Scouts officials insist that nothing will change for young Scouts and their families, assuring them that local councils are “legally separate, distinct and financially independent from the national organization.” The organization also provided a recommended script for parents trying to explain to their children what’s happening.

The bottom line: “There’s nothing to be worried about. A Scout is always prepared, and the BSA is well-prepared.”

George Kain III, a long-time scoutmaster in York, Pennsylvania, said he

doesn’t think bankruptcy will have a huge effect on local scouting organizations. Kain, a retired lawyer who has been with the Scouts for 60 years, said plaintiffs’ lawyers would have to show a connection between the alleged abuse and a local council’s assets.

“There may well be situations where that’s the case, but at the moment we’re not there yet,” Kain said. “I think that scouting as the rank-and-file Scouts know it will continue.”

For a variety of reasons, the number of youths taking part in scouting has dropped below 2 million, down from a peak of more than 4 million during the 1970s.

Gal Witmer of York, Pennsylvania, who has two children in Scouting – her 12-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter – said she is optimistic the organization will survive bankruptcy and applauded it for “taking accountability.”

“It’s something they had to do to make things right,” Witmer said.






Even with the Scouts recently raising the annual membership fee by more than 80 percent to \$66, Witmer said Scouting’s costs are quite reasonable compared with those of sports and other activities. Witmer, who was a den leader for her son and is now doing the same for her daughter, said leaders are vetted and trained thoroughly in abuse prevention.

“The training is excellent. To me, it feels very safe. If anything were to happen, they are so on top of it,” Witmer said. “It’s drilled into everyone, never be alone with a child.”

John Milton Peterson III, a researcher and self-defense instructor who credits his adult success to the lessons he learned as a Boy Scout in Kentucky decades ago, said it upsets him that attorneys are targeting the organization rather than the “perverted” abusers.





“It’s like sinking a battleship just to fix a broken part,” Peterson said. “We can all see that really people are just out to destroy it. ... This is a benevolent organization that helped me a lot. It’s a sad thing to see agenda-driven and greedy people twisting this.”

5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Partly Cloudy 25 / 14	 Friday Sunny 34 / 23	 Saturday Mostly Sunny 40 / 33	 Sunday Chance Rain 38 / 34	 Monday Rain & Snow Possible 40 / 32
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:28 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:34 a.m.

 New 2/23	 First 3/2	 Full 3/9	 Last 3/16
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 25°, humidity of 55%. North wind 10 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 14°. West northwest wind 5 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 5°. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high of 34°, humidity of 34%.

Man’s friendship is on his terms only

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a friend who is very difficult to get close to, but he’s very sweet sometimes, too. He is always posting touching images of animals or babies and children doing nice things to and for each other on social media. In person, he is hard to reach. He does not return calls often. He is a flake. That is, until he chooses to spend time with you; then you feel like the most important person in the world. I think I crave the attention that he sometimes shows me, but it hurts my feelings that everything is on his terms. How can I manage my expectations differently? I don’t like the downside of how our friendship makes me feel. — Distant Friend

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR DISTANT FRIEND: It sounds like you need to accept the reality of this man’s friendship. He has shown you how he behaves and how he engages people. You seem to crave more than he is willing to give. That doesn’t necessarily make him a bad person. It does say that you have not accepted the terms of this relationship. You already know that the way that people interact on social media is not necessarily reflective of who they are and how they engage in “real life.” Social media is a way for people to posture. It sounds like your friend chooses positive images to share with the world, but they are not of him or about him. Stop trying to read between the lines to find a way to get closer to this man. Instead, either be OK with the time and attention that he affords you, or decide that it is not enough and walk away.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I had an affair during a time in my marriage when everything was going to hell. When my husband found out, we decided to get a divorce. Now he has come back to me saying that he forgives me and wants to try again. He says he knows things were bad, and that it wasn’t all my fault. He admitted to the things he was doing that were unkind to me. I was surprised at how forthcoming he was.

So now he wants to rec-

oncile. I’m not sure that I do. He is a nice guy, but I think it was a mistake to marry him. Now that we are being more honest, do I tell him the truth, or should I try to make it work in spite of some of my lingering feelings about walking away? — Reconciliation


DEAR RECONCILIATION: Now is the time for you to be honest with yourself first. What do you want? There was a reason you chose to find companionship outside of your marriage. What was it? Tell yourself the truth about your decisions, and ask if you think you can be fulfilled and faithful if you recommit to your husband. What will it take for you to be able to start over and be 100 percent in?

If you can find those an-

swers, discuss them with your husband. Be honest without being cruel. Tell him what you want and need in chapter two of your life together.

If you cannot find a way back to your marriage that you believe will work for you, do not pretend that you can. Apologize to your husband for not being able to reconcile. End on a high note by pointing out what was good about your marriage. Let him know that it is time for you to walk away.

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THE ROXY MOVIE THEATER

Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, February 14– Thursday, February 20
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

Downhill (R) Fri: 6:30, 8:55 Sat: 1:55, 4:15, 6:30, 8:55 Sun: 1:55, 4:15, 6:30 Mon– Thurs: 6:30	Birds of Prey (R) Fri: 6:35, 9:25 Sat: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35, 9:25 Sun: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35 Mon– Thurs: 6:35	Dolittle (PG) Fri: 6:50, 9:15 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 6:50 Mon– Thurs: 6:50
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Sonic the Hedgehog (PG) Fri: 6:20, 9:05 Sat: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:05 Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20 Mon– Thurs: 6:20	1917 (R) Fri: 7:00, 9:35 Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35 Sun: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00 Mon– Thurs: 7:00
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Cash 5
05-14-31-39-40
Estimated jackpot: \$299,500

Cash4Life
03-13-16-34-45, Cash Ball: 2
Daily Three-Midday
4-6-3, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
3-1-2, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
0-7-6-1, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
9-0-8-3, SB: 2

Mega Millions
06-12-39-61-70, Mega Ball: 4,
Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$45 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	.76
Copper.....	2.60
Lead.....	.86
Zinc.....	.97
Gold.....	1,606.67
Silver.....	18.33
Platinum.....	1,005.45

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Christean Calloway

Dec. 28, 1942 – Feb. 17, 2020

Christean Calloway, 77, North Manchester, passed away Feb. 17, 2020.

Christean Calloway is survived by her son, Timothy (Deborah) Calloway; daughters, Debra (Scott) Hattery and Katrina Calloway; brothers, Wallace Dingess and Oscar (Kathy) Dingess; sisters, Deloris Horne, Virgie (Jake) Shepherd, Carolyn (Randy) France, Mildred (Randy)

Eckman, and Pamela Craft; grandchildren, Brandon Vo, Heather Addair, Ashley Vo, Cassy Calloway, Cameron Calloway, and Noah Beck.

Calling Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be at herd, Fairview Cemetery, Servia, Indiana.

Judith Elaine Etling

Funeral Services for Judith Elaine Etling, 79, of Wabash, were 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Phillips officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the musician.

Memories were shared by her daughter, Lisa Unger. Pallbearers were Joshua Frazier, Ryan Steed, Tracy White, Greg Steed, George Unger, Cody White, Carson White, and Randy Smith. Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

Kenneth ‘Kenny’ Koontz

June 8, 1935 – Feb. 16, 2020

Kenneth “Kenny” Koontz, 84, Sidney, Indiana, passed away Feb. 16, 2020.

Kenneth “Kenny” Koontz is survived by his wife, Josephine Koontz; sons, Forrester (Debra) Asher and Troy (Deana) Asher; daughter, Lori Reust; five grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and one son,

Stephen W. Koontz.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 at 1 p.m. at St. Robert Belarmine Catholic Church, 1203 State Road 114, North Manchester. There will not be calling. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Bong happy ‘Parasite’ succeeded despite disparity it showed

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM** and **KIM TONG-HYUNG**
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Oscar-winning “Parasite” director Bong Joon-ho said Wednesday the film’s “biggest pleasure and the most significant meaning” to him is that it succeeded even though the audiences might feel uncomfortable with his explicit description of bitter wealth disparity in modern society.

Bong’s dark comic thriller about two families on the opposite ends of South Korea’s social spectrum is a history-making film. It won best picture at this month’s 92nd Academy Awards ceremony, becoming the first non-English-language film to get the top honor. Bong and his film clinched three other Oscars.

Bong told reporters that the movie’s story has not only “funny, comic” elements but also “bitter, painful natures” of the disparity between the haves and have-nots in modern society.

“I didn’t want to avoid such a part even a little bit,” Bong told a nationally televised news conference. “Audiences might hate that or feel uncomfortable to watch it ... but I thought the only option I can have for this movie is depicting the world we live as frankly as possible, though that might be risky commercially.”

Noting that “Parasite” was already commercially successful in North America, France, Vietnam, Japan, the United Kingdom and his native South Korea even before his Oscar triumph, Bong said, “Regardless of the (Oscar) wins, the biggest pleasure and the most significant meaning was the fact that many audiences around the world of our times respond to the movie.”

The class satire tells the story of how a family of four poor, unemployed people living in a slum basement apart-

ment comically infiltrates a wealthy family residing at a luxurious mansion before things unravel violently and tragically.

Bong already had commercial and critical success with his 2013 sci-fi film “Snowpiercer,” which starred Chris Evans and Tilda Swinton along with South Korean “Parasite” actor Song Kang-ho. But nothing that’s come before has been remotely as successful as “Parasite,” a profoundly South Korean film shot in the Korean language.

Along with the best picture award, Bong was also named best director and co-shared another Oscar title, best original screenplay, with “Parasite” co-writer Han Jin Won. The film won best international feature film as well.

The movie, which is also the first South Korean film to win an Oscar, has made Bong a national hero. Ahead of April’s parliamentary elections in South Korea, some politicians even proposed setting up a Bong statue, establishing a street named after him and rebuilding the house where he was born.

Asked about such proposals, Bong joked, “I hope people will talk about such things after I die.”

Bong said that he will leave it to critics, journalists and fans to analyze the movie’s commercial appeal, and that he’d fully focus on working on this next film.

At the same news conference, actress Lee Jeong-eun, who plays a live-in housekeeper for the wealthy family in “Parasite,” said the movie portrayed universal problems such as unemployment “in a very interesting yet an in-depth manner.” Han said he believes many audiences sympathized with the movie’s 10 main characters, who “have their own dramas and have their own reasons to live.”

By **ANDREW DALTON**
Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — Whitney Houston is about to appear on the concert stage again.

Eight years after her death, a holographic Houston will embark on a European tour that starts in England on Feb. 25 and runs through early April, with U.S. dates expected to follow.

“Now is just the right time,” said Pat Houston, the singer’s sister-in-law, former manager and the executor of her estate, which is producing the show in collaboration with BASE Hologram. “In the spirit of Whitney, I know we’re doing all the right things right now.”

Last week, a few dozen members of the media were given a dress-rehearsal preview in Burbank, California of most of “An Evening With Whitney: The Whitney Houston Hologram Tour,” which features a Houston projected onto a nearly invisible scrim on a stage with real dancers and a live backing band.

The concert set includes most of her biggest hits — “How Will I Know,” “Saving All My Love For You,” “I Will Always Love You,” along with some unexpected rarities, including a cover of Steve Winwood’s “Higher Love” that Houston first recorded three decades ago.

The show, which was first

conceived five years ago, used a body double along with hundreds of hours of Houston performances and extensive CGI synthesizing.

“We created the hologram the same way they did Carrie Fisher in the ‘Star Wars’ movie ‘Rogue One,’” said Marty Tudor, CEO of BASE Hologram, which has previously revived performing versions of dead singers including Roy Orbison and Maria Callas. “It’s lengthy, it’s tedious, it’s a big, complicated process, but I think it worked.”

The ambitious performance is the modest brainchild of Whitney Houston herself, in at least one respect.

While on her final European tour, she had an “unplugged” section of her show, with a stripped down band and minimal fanfare. Houston liked that so much that shortly before her death at age 48 on the eve of the 2012 Grammy Awards, she expressed a desire to one day do an entire tour that way.

That concept became the model for the hologram concert.

“This is something that she wanted to do,” Pat Houston said after the media preview of the show. “I get very emotional watching this, because it is so, so close to what she wanted. The only thing missing is her, physically.”

On first appearance it’s

Passengers leave ship docked off Japan after quarantine ends

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI** and **FOSTER KLUG**
Associated Press

YOKOHAMA, Japan — About 500 passengers left the cruise ship Diamond Princess on Wednesday at the end of a much-criticized two-week quarantine aboard the vessel that failed to stop the spread of the new virus among passengers and crew.

The quarantine’s flop was underlined as Japanese authorities announced 79 more cases, bringing the total on the ship to 621. Results were still pending for some other passengers and crew among the original 3,711 people on board.

Japan’s government has been questioned over its decision to keep people on the ship, which some experts have called a perfect virus incubator. The Diamond Princess is the site of the most infections outside of China, where the illness known as COVID-19 emerged late last year.

Many foreign governments say they won’t let passengers from the ship return unless they go through another quarantine period, so it was striking to see passengers disembark, get into taxis and disappear into Yokohama, where the ship is docked.

Japanese soldiers helped escort some passengers, including an elderly man in a wheelchair who wore a mask and held a cane. Some got on buses to be transported to train stations. Some people still in their cabins waved farewell from their balconies to those who had already been processed.

“I’m a bit concerned if I’m OK to get off the ship, but it was getting very difficult physically,” a 77-year-old man from Saitama, near Tokyo, who got off with his wife, told Kyodo News. “For now, we just want to cele-

brate.”

Health Minister Katsunobu Kato initially said Wednesday that those with negative virus tests had fulfilled the Japanese quarantine requirement and were free to walk out and go home on public transportation. He said passengers were only asked to watch their health carefully for a few days and notify health authorities if they have any symptoms or worries.

But after meeting with experts later in the day, he urged the former passengers to refrain from non-essential outings and try to stay home for about two weeks.

“COVID-19 is not 100 percent known, and a lot of people got infected on the Diamond Princess. Taking those factors into consideration, we believe taking extra caution will contribute to preventing the risk of future infections,” he said.

Some passengers said on Twitter they received health forms in the morning asking if they had symptoms such as a headache, fever or coughing. Passengers who tested negative and had no symptoms still had to get their body temperature checked before leaving.

Passengers were provided with a certificate stating their negative test results and completion of the quarantine.

Still, Masao Sumida, an 84-year-old passenger from Chiba, near Tokyo, told NHK television he was worried people around him might have doubts. “I know I tested negative, but I’m afraid people may try to stay away from me,” he said.

Mitsuo Kaku, a professor at Tohoku University’s Laboratory of Infectious Disease, said on NHK that the risk of virus transmission by those who tested negative is low, but passengers who get off the ship should “use ample precautions” to protect them-

selves and people around them for about two more weeks.

About 500 passengers had left the ship by Wednesday evening, and Japanese officials were to spend the next three days disembarking about 2,000 others. The Diamond Princess was quarantined after one passenger who left the ship earlier in Hong Kong was found to have the virus.

Even though Japanese officials insist the number of infected patients is leveling off, cases on the ship continue to mount daily. On Tuesday, 88 people tested positive; a day after 99 others were found to be infected.

Crew members, who couldn’t be confined to their rooms because they were working, are expected to stay on the ship.

The National Institute of Infectious Diseases said in a report Wednesday that the crew had not been fully isolated during the quarantine period. It said the quarantine was effective in reducing transmission among passengers, and that the increase in cases toward the end was mostly among crew or passengers in shared cabins.

“It should be noted that due to the nature of the ship, individual isolation of all those aboard was not possible,” it said.

Some medical experts who assisted with the quarantine have said anti-infection measures were often sloppy on the ship. Four health workers — a quarantine official, a physician, a paramedic who took an infected passenger to a hospital and a health ministry official — became infected.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said a more controlled health watch for the crew was starting immediately because they can be spread out and kept in isolation by using vacated passen-

the show works seamlessly, through a blend of studio takes and live performances. Close listeners may think they’re hearing the album version of a hit before it swerves into seemingly spontaneous moments that give it a live feeling.

The sound crew also found moments of between-song patter from Houston that were eternal enough to use for the new show.

“May God bless you and keep you, and let us pray for peace, and pray for the answer,” she says toward the end of the set.

The production may be most effective when it embraces its holographic possibilities — including having Houston swarmed in a shimmering shower of golden sparks during the climactic performance of “I Will Always Love You.”

Dressing the Houston hologram provided its own set of problems and possibilities.

“The first thing is, you can’t do black,” Timothy Snell, who oversaw the wardrobe for the show, said with a mock gasp. “And black and sparkles are your first go-to. But Whitney also loved color.”

Along with the gold gown, her outfits include a shimmering orange jumpsuit and a floor-length pink flowered coat.

“She liked to look sophisticated and timeless,” Snell said. “And those timeless looks really show up here.”

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. But you must not eat meat that has its life-blood still in it."

Genesis 9:3-4

Trump's real reasons for freeing Blagojevich should sicken us

If Roger Stone is dispatched to prison for years, President Donald Trump will commute his sentence or pardon him altogether.

The odds of that happening soared on Tuesday, the minute Trump commuted the sentence of Rod Blagojevich, the former Illinois governor, and wiped clean with pardons the criminal records of some other high-profile people.

Trump does nothing for anybody that is not, at bottom, for himself. In this case, Blagojevich became the beneficiary.

We have long argued that the former governor is guilty as charged but that his 14-year sentence was way too harsh. On the merits of the case, and especially given the considerably shorter sentences handed out to public officials guilty of more egregious corruption – such as the 6 1/2 years given to bribe-taking former Gov. George Ryan for racketeering, conspiracy and fraud – we would argue Blagojevich has been fully and fairly punished. He has been imprisoned for almost 8 years.

But Trump's decision to commute Blagojevich's sentence at this time is all of a piece with the president's warnings that he's not about to stand by and watch Stone go off to prison for any extended time.

Stone is one of Trump's closest and shadiest back-channel operatives. He was found guilty of obstructing a congressional investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, including five counts of making false statements to Congress and tampering with a witness.

If Stone's conviction stands, and especially if he is forced

to serve prison time, Trump knows it will be seen as a symbolic indictment of the president himself, who wants the world to believe Congress' entire probe of Russian interference was a "hoax."

But to set Stone free – to commute or pardon his sentence should it come to that – in a manner that does not smack of being entirely self-serving, Trump has to lay the groundwork.

He has to establish a pattern. He has to grant clemency to others – people who have nothing on him – first.

That's where Blagojevich's early release comes in. And it's also likely why Trump on Tuesday pardoned Bernard Kerik, the former New York City police commissioner, as well as Edward DeBartolo, a former owner of the San Francisco 49ers, among others. Their records are obliterated; at least Blagojevich's conviction stays on his record.

Does all this sound horribly cynical? We hope it is. We hope we are wrong.

We hope Trump announced these acts of clemency out of nothing more than a deep-seated sense of fairness and compassion. But if such was the case with Blagojevich, the president could have freed him months ago.

Witnessing the deplorable machinations of the Trump White House for more than three years could make a cynic of anyone. The baseness of this crowd has been breathtaking.

After he's released from prison, is it too much to hope Blago will fade away quietly?

"He served eight years in jail, a long time," Trump said about Blagojevich before boarding

Air Force One for a trip to the West Coast.

About that we agree. Fourteen years in a federal pen would have been an awfully long time for a former governor who was always more opportunistic, lazy and clueless than venal.

What was Blagojevich's offense? He tried to sell a vacant Senate seat and extort big campaign donations from a hospital and a racetrack owner, behavior that even in Illinois will raise eyebrows. We can't agree with Trump that Blagojevich's only crime was to say things "many other politicians say."

We suspect, in sadness but in truth, that Trump granted clemency to Blagojevich and the others to establish a precedent before swooping in and saving Stone. He needs to create a plausible deniability of abuse of this kingly power.

With these actions, Trump also is amping up his attacks on the Justice Department – sparing, of course, his chosen confederate, Attorney General Bill Barr. He is creating a little more cheap rhetorical fodder for his trashing of the DOJ's supposed "deep state."

Blagojevich is coming home to Chicago because Donald Trump was flying out to the West Coast. Trump has three more MAGA rallies out there, and he needed new material.

More importantly, it's in the president's selfish interest to keep Stone out of prison and on his side. We can only guess at what secrets Stone might know that Trump wants no one to hear.

It's good Rod Blagojevich is walking free, but the motivation behind it sickens us.

This editorial was first published in the Chicago Sun-Times.



On not being a so-and-so

You're a Hoosier.

That's not the biggest insult that can be hurled at us, to humble us with who we are.

Apparently, to cut us to the quick, you have to sneer at who we are not.

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden got into the name-calling recently. Feeling former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg nipping at his heels, he mocked the Indiana native's experience as a small-city executive and declared that, "This guy's not a Barack Obama."

How horrifying it must have been for Mayor Pete. Think of it, going through life thinking you're someone and then being rudely told it was merely an illusion. And he wasn't just not Barack Obama. He wasn't even "a" Barack Obama.

The shock must have been similar to that felt by fellow Hoosier Dan Quayle, vice presidential candidate on the Republican ticket, on being viciously cut down by debate opponent Lloyd Bentsen with the malicious taunt, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Poor Dan. He couldn't even hint that Bentsen might be mistaken, since the Democrat had prefaced his put-down with, "I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine."

How could he contradict someone who knew so well the person he said Quayle was not? What was he going to

say? You don't know Jack?

I think there must be a good column somewhere in that notion that Hoosiers are so crippled by delusions of grandeur that we must have it constantly and patiently explained to us that we are not who we might think we are.

But I imagine running the idea by my editor and it not going very well.

"You want to do a whole column about two politicians being insulted in the same way?"

"Yeah, funny stuff, huh?"

"Isn't your premise a little thin?"

"What?"

"It's a one-joke column. Where you gonna go with it? Gov. Holcomb is no Otis Bowen? Senators Braun and Young are no Evan Bayh and Dick Lugar? Attorney General Curtis Hill is no Perry Mason?"

"Use your imagination and think beyond politics. Hoagy Carmichael is no George Gershwin. Shelley Long is no Meryl Streep. James Whitcomb Riley is no Robert Frost."

"It's still the same joke over and over again. And, well, that's the other problem. Face it, you're no Art Buchwald."

"Who?"

"Oh, come on. Pulitzer Prize-winning humor columnist. Made a whole career of writing sarcastic parodies of politicians."

"That supposed to be an insult? Nobody even remembers Art Buchwald."

"OK, you're no George Will."

"I don't even like George Will anymore, since his pathological loathing of Donald

Trump has eaten away his brain and left him a drooling idiot. How can you insult me by saying I'm not somebody I wouldn't ever want to be?"

At this point, I can picture my editor's wife interrupting us to ask what is going on.

"He is trying to talk me out of something he thinks I can't handle."

"Take what he says with a grain of salt. He's no Dr. Phil."

"Well, you're no Oprah."

Now I feel derailed, my delight at the original premise being smothered by my anguish over who I would most like not to be.

As a writer, I should hope to be insulted by being reminded that I am no Mark Twain or Shakespeare. But perhaps I should restrain my ego. I could be no Joseph Heller or Jack Kerouac.

I toyed with the idea of being a stand-up comedian at one time. I could have been not Jerry Seinfeld. And I write a song or two occasionally. I could still be the next not Bob Dylan, although people who have heard me say I'm not even a good not Donavan.

Who would you like most not to be?

Wish I had a brilliant way to end this with an unexpected twist or the perfect ironic surprise.

Alas, I am no O. Henry.

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Matt vs. Mitt: Attack of the swamp creatures

When conservative ringmaster Matt Schlapp officially didn't invite Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, to his annual ultra-right confab – the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) – eye-rolling was suddenly trending.

Kathleen Parker



If little else is transparent in this tiny village where word gets around, Schlapp's motivations surely are. Rather than simply not inviting Romney, which one does by not inviting him, Schlapp tweeted a photo of the senator looking like a corpse-eating zombie along with the CPAC logo and the words: "Not invited: Mitt Romney."

Ostensibly, Schlapp was concerned that Romney might be subjected to physical violence at the conference because of his solitary Republican vote to convict Trump on one of two charges, abuse of power, in the impeachment trial. This concern could have remained buried in Schlapp's furrowed brow but for his apparent determination to say it aloud in the context of a mean-spirited non-invitation.

It's not for nothing that Schlapp has seen his lobbying and public relations firm, Cove Strategies, win massive earnings in the Trump era. He boasted to The New York Times that lobbying revenues increased from \$600,000 in 2015 to more than \$1 million in 2017, and that "strategic communications" revenues were even higher. In the swampiest of swamps, "strategic communications" obviously pays.

What's clear, of course, is that Schlapp was never going to invite Romney to CPAC. Not only has Schlapp been a Donald Trump man since Day One, as he told me back in 2017, but he also sensed at the onset that Trump would win. This is because Schlapp knows the conservative base perhaps better than anyone, as he should.

As for CPAC, Schlapp typically invites only political stars who might make headlines. Sometimes he might include lesser-known politicians eager for the exposure and, who knows, maybe Schlapp's services.

Proactively snubbing Romney was a win-win for Schlapp that showcased his messaging skills and, inadvertently, revealed his character. When a man is down, by all means kick the daylight out of him. In so doing, Schlapp ingratiated himself to his base, received bounteous media attention, and maybe even earned a little grace for his wife Mercedes "Mercy" Schlapp.

Mercy was White House director of strategic communications until last July when she joined Trump's reelection campaign. Meanwhile, the past overlap of Schlapp's CPAC sponsors and his clients – including Comcast, Altria, and the Motion Picture Association of America – has not gone unnoticed by a contingent of critics who refer to the conference as "The Matt and Mercy Show."

Schlapp knows as well as anyone that Romney is an honorable man and is surely believable when he says his Senate vote was a matter of principle and not, as some have suggested, revenge. (After publicly courting Romney for secretary of state, Trump chose someone else, seemingly to humiliate his at-the-time former critic.) Even if Romney might derive a tiny bit of satisfaction from the fact that his faith-driven principles didn't allow him to acquit Trump, what does he really get out of being an outlier – other than the respect of liberals who would admire Hannibal Lecter if he feasted on Republicans?

Poor Romney – right as rain, yet nobody can spare an umbrella. As a presidential candidate, people said he was too squeaky clean. Or, he didn't pass the beer test. When he said during his 2012 presidential campaign that Russia was our greatest geopolitical foe, people scoffed.

Who's scoffing now?

An argument could be made that Schlapp really was concerned about violence, but what kind of show is he directing? At the 2018 CPAC, conservative columnist Mona Charen had to be escorted out of the conference by security when she was booed for scolding Republicans for not condemning Trump's alleged sexual misconduct. But more likely, such alleged fears were an excuse rather than a reason to justify his tweet.

By essentially encouraging the mob, Schlapp made his bed on the wrong side of conservative principles and, ultimately, of history. Luckily for him, the Romney we both know would probably accept an apology.

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HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2020. There are 315 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft, which circled the globe three times in a flight lasting 4 hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean 800 miles southeast of Bermuda.

On this date:

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled that no state legislature could annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Jacobson v. Massachusetts, upheld, 7-2, compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public's health.

In 1942, Lt. Edward "Butch" O'Hare became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace of World War II by shooting down five Japanese bombers while defending the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in the South Pacific.

Thought for Today: "Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich." – Sarah Bernhardt, French actress (1844-1923).

Food

Think pink: Cook with rose wine

By LYNDA BALSLEV

Most likely, you’ve cooked with red and white wines, but have you tried cooking with rose? Wine is a useful ingredient when cooking. A mere splash can enhance the flavor of soups and stews, sauces and marinades. When wine cooks, the alcohol evaporates, leaving the essence of the wine to infuse a dish. This is why it’s always advised to choose a wine you would like to drink when adding it to a recipe. It doesn’t have to be a pricey bottle, but it should certainly be quaffable.

Generally speaking, when cooking a savory dish with wine, you don’t want to choose one that will overpower with sweetness, fruit and oak. Rather, opt for dry, slightly acidic, un-oaked wines as the best all-around choice. Rose wines fall easily into this category with varietals and blends that range from light and dry to crisp and fruity. Roses can often be added to recipes that are enhanced by white wine, adding acidity and light fruit notes to fish and

shellfish, chicken, risotto, pasta and cream sauces, as well as fruity syrups and compotes.

In this recipe, rose wine pairs exceptionally well with the natural sweetness and brininess of sea scallops, while adding a hint of fruity freshness and acidity to balance the rich cream sauce.

Sea Scallops With Pink Peppercorn Cream Sauce

Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: Serves 3 to 4
1 pound medium-large scallops (about 18)
Salt
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small shallot, finely chopped, about 2 tablespoons
2 teaspoons pink peppercorns
1 cup dry rose wine
½ cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon chopped tarragon, plus extra for garnish
Pinch of freshly ground black pepper, plus extra for garnish

Pat the scallops dry with a paper towel and then lightly season on all sides with salt.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter and the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add the scallops and sear, undisturbed, until a golden brown crust forms, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip the scallops and sear on the other side. Transfer to a plate.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon butter to the same pan and let it melt over medium heat. Add the shallots, peppercorns and ¼ teaspoon salt. Sauté the shallots until soft and translucent, about 3 minutes, scraping up any brown bits in the pan. Pour in the rose and simmer until reduced by about half, about 8 minutes. Stir in the cream and simmer until slightly thickened, about 2 more minutes.

Stir in the 1 tablespoon tarragon and the black pepper. Return the scallops to the skillet and simmer over medium heat to gently warm, 1 to 2 minutes.

Transfer to serving plates and garnish with additional tarragon and a few grinds of black pepper.



Provided photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

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Radish and cucumber raita

By DANA JACOBI

Keep it light and fresh this week with a cooling raita. This simple condiment is made with just four main ingredients – radishes, cucumber, yogurt and spices. Radishes are cruciferous vegetables rich in vitamin C and anthocyanins while cucumbers contain vitamin K. Use it on hot kebabs, herbed flatbread or as an easy side dip.

Ingredients
2 large radishes, quartered and thinly sliced, (about ½ cup)
1 small Persian cucumber, quartered lengthwise, thinly sliced, (about ½ cup)
1 cup plain whole milk yogurt
½ tsp. ground cumin
¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
¼ tsp. salt

Makes 6 servings (¼ cup per serving). Per serving: 30 calories, 1.5 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 5 mg cholesterol, 2 g carbohydrates, 2 g protein, 0 g dietary fiber, 115 mg sodium, 2 g sugar, 0 g added sugar.

Directions

In mixing bowl, combine all ingredients.
Set raita aside 10 minutes



Provided photo

This simple condiment is made with just four main ingredients – radishes, cucumber, yogurt and spices.

to let flavors develop. Raita will become a bit thinner.

Tips

If Persian cucumber is not

available use a 5-inch cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeds scooped out and discarded and cucumber finely chopped.

Apps help volunteers battle commercial food waste

By MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Food waste and hunger are two enormous problems that some non-profit groups say can be addressed together by getting the extra food to the people who need it.

New apps are making that easier.

The USDA estimates that more than 30 percent of the food in America is wasted each year. Besides food waste at home, there is also a lot of commercial food waste: restaurants preparing more food than customers buy, and grocery stores ending up with perishables approaching their expiration dates.

To battle commercial food waste, “food rescue” groups use volunteers to pick up donated food and deliver it to nonprofits that feed the hungry.

“KFC is preparing chicken continuously, Chipotle is preparing food continuously. We rescue it while it’s still hot and freeze it quickly,” says Bill Reighard, founder and CEO of Food Donation Connection. The nonprofit has been battling food waste

since 1992, coordinating donations from companies like Pizza Hut.

Another group, Feeding America, has built a nationwide network arranging regular pickups of surplus food from major grocery chains for delivery to more than 200 food banks.

Advocates say more and more people are volunteering, due to environmental concerns. Taking food that would be wasted to those in need is a good way to fight the despair and inaction that many people feel in the face of climate change and inequality, says Leah Lizarondo, co-founder of the nonprofit 412 Food Rescue, based in Pittsburgh.

“It’s a step that you can take today,” she says, “and it’s very clear what your impact is. It’s as clear as feeding someone that day.”

Along with arranging food pickups from supermarkets, Lizarondo’s nonprofit created an app called Food Rescue Hero that works almost like Uber or Lyft: People who are out in their cars can log in and see if any unwanted food is available at a nearby

restaurant or store. They can volunteer on the spot to deliver it to a food pantry or soup kitchen.

Food Rescue Hero is now available in San Francisco, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Virginia.

Last fall, Food Rescue Hero announced a partnership with Reighard’s Food Donation Connection to build a shared online platform. No launch date has been announced yet, but tech teams at both nonprofits are collaborating to make volunteering easier nationwide and even globally.

Feeding America’s MealConnect app embraces the same approach. It has used since 2014 for pickups at chains like Walmart and Target. Those scheduled pickups continue, but beginning last summer, volunteers can also sign up to do impromptu, smaller food rescues.

Once they’ve registered at MealConnect.org or via the app, volunteers get a brief training session at a food bank and are outfitted with a small toolkit of food safety equipment.

The group currently has 300 active volunteers.

Blue Apron considers selling itself

By JOSEPH PISANI
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Blue Apron, the online seller of meal kits, said it may put itself up for sale.

The struggling company, which pioneered the meal-kit craze in the U.S., has faced tough competition from online rivals that also ship boxes of raw meat, fish and vegetables to doorsteps. Gro-

cers, including Kroger and Walmart, have also been selling their own ready-to-cook kits in stores.

Blue Apron said late Tuesday that its number of customers fell 37 percent to 351,000 in the last three months of 2019. Revenue fell 33 percent to \$94.3 million and it reported a loss of \$21.9 million in the quarter.

New York-based Blue Apron said it is also con-

sidering merging with another company or selling parts of its business.

Shares of Blue Apron Holdings Inc. fell 22 percent to \$3.40 Wednesday morning. Its stock is down about 85 percent in the last year.

Blue Apron has launched meals for dieters to try and boost sales, partnering with WW, the company formerly known as Weight Watchers.

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PULSE

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Manchester hosts Polar Plunge to aid Special Olympics

Manchester invites residents of Wabash and Kosciusko counties to Freezin’ for a Reason on Saturday, Feb. 22 outside the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC). Team members can sign up as participants, which means they jump in the water, or “virtual plungers,” who raise money but do not get wet. To register, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/soindiana/Polar-Plunge-North-Manchester>. Events begin at 10 a.m. with sign-ups and welcome, followed by costume judging at noon. The water portion is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with the After-Splash Bash lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Manchester Civic Band looking for new members

A callout meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Manchester High School band room through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building. Practices are held beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at either 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School Band Room.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Somerset Lions Club to hold euchre event

The Somerset Lions Club is set to host a euchre event Saturday, Feb. 29 in the Somerset Community Building. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Play begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cookies and chips will be available for a donation. Proceeds will support Somerset projects.

Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for March 2

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, March 2, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. UWIS interpretive naturalist Shelly Reed will present the “Civilian Conservation Corps of Indiana” through an engaging trivia presentation. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Ham and beans will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Spring’ March 3

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Spring” 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper

Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://www.facebook.com/upperwabash).

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MU-CareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

Manchester University Theatre Society offers variety show

The Manchester University Theatre Society is putting on the Spring 2020 Variety Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in Cordier Auditorium. The show at the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovellstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Woman’s Clubhouse to host March luncheon

The Woman’s Clubhouse will welcome Teresa Rody, interpretive manager from the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, with a program featuring live raptors, after the noon luncheon Tuesday, March 10. Reynold’s Oil is sponsoring the live bird program. Make your reservations by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331, or Mary DeLauter, 260-563-6613 for the lunch and program or just the program.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com/events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual

Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Adult Mental Health First Aid training planned

Purdue Extension will offer Adult Mental Health First Aid training from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Wabash REMC Community Room, 350 Wedcor Ave. The Mental Health First Aid program is open to any adult. For more information, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa or contact Mindy Mayes by email at mayes7@purdue.edu or by phone at 260-663-0661 ext. 1408.

St. Trolley’s Day Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley’s Day Tour happening on March 14 are available for purchase. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley’s Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit www.VisitWabashCounty.com and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will host its annual Pancake Day fundraiser, the service organization’s biggest annual fundraiser, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Bob Elrod Exhibit Hall, located just off of Gillen Avenue at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will return and will start at noon. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door for adults (13 and older) and \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Tickets are available from Wabash Kiwanis members. Those who have questions can contact Mike Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit

The North Manchester Center for History will be hosting the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” from March 21 to May 3.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

Celebrate Ivy Tech in Wabash at Monopoly Night

Ivy Tech Community College is hosting its 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 in the Parkview Health Ballroom of Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. This event is open to the community. Guests must RSVP by April 15 to Laura Leichty by email at lleichty@ivytech.edu or by phone 260-481-2243.

Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

“Dia de Lagro” will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com.

WCPL plans summer reading, ‘Bash Con

‘Bash Con is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. ‘Bash Con’s theme for this year is “Imagine Your Story” and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>.

For more information, call 260-563-2972.

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Retiree donates share of Canadian nickel mine to Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — A retired investment adviser has donated a stake in a Canadian nickel mining operation to Purdue University that could eventually produce a big windfall for the school.

Allyn Knoche, a 1956 Purdue graduate, donated a 1 percent stake in a mine owned by FPX Nickel, a Vancouver-based company. Revenue from that share will be divided equally between Knoche’s son, his stepson and Purdue’s Krannert School of Management, in a charitable trust managed by the Purdue Research Foundation.

Krannert, which is Purdue’s business school, will receive the son and stepson’s shares when they die. Knoche, 91, said that based on current numbers – and an assumption that the mine in British Columbia starts operating within several years – Purdue’s stake could eventually top \$100

million over the next three decades.

“There’s no question that the ore is there,” said Knoche, a retired stock broker and investment adviser who lives in Arizona.

According to Purdue’s figures, which are based on Knoche’s numbers and FPX’s estimates, the mine could produce more than 90 million pounds of nickel each year, turning out nickel for stainless steel and the growing market for battery-powered vehicles.

“I was looking for something where it would help. ... Purdue seems like it can make pretty good use of it,” Knoche told the Journal & Courier.

Purdue President Mitch Daniels said he has high hopes for the mine’s future.

“I don’t know about you, but I’m watching the nickel prices on the commodities market with great interest these days,” he recently told the school’s trustees.

ROBOTICS

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the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Guggenheim Life and Annuity, Herbert Simon Family Foundation, and long-time partners Roche Diagnostics and Eli Lilly and Company Foundation. Through it, TPF4Y provides grants, professional development, and the largest state robotics competition in the country for Indiana schools and students.

“New this year, to further celebrate the unprecedented growth of the program and honor the hard work of these competitors, winners will be given the opportunity to purchase a unique state championship ring, designed by Herff Jones.

Just as a state champion football player receives a themed ring, so will these prizewinners be able to share their victory with a distinctive robotics-themed ring. For all other attendees and participants, a piece of Indiana robotics history will also be available for purchase; a T-shirt designed by local apparel designers: United State of Indiana,” stated Reed.

While the Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship is open to the public, TPF4Y encourages donations to further the impact of the organization.

To learn more, visit www.techpointyouth.org/statechamp.

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Squires fall on road to Eagles

In one of the final games at Columbia City's current gymnasium, the Manchester boys' basketball team fell to the Eagles on Tuesday, 57-47. Kreedon Krull and Thane Creager each had 10 points.

Knights drop fourth straight

On the road against Adams Central on Tuesday, the Southwood boys' basketball team lost its fourth straight game, 63-53. Carson Rich had 21 points and eight rebounds in the loss.

Eagles earn win in final home game

Emmanuel Christian's boys' basketball team earned a 69-45 win over Heritage Hall in the final home game of the season on Tuesday. Riley Miller had 25 points and 18 rebounds while Preston Ritzema and JC Frank added 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Boilermakers hire Callaway as newest coaching staff member

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — Purdue coach Jeff Brohm hired longtime assistant coach Neil Callaway as the Boilermakers' new senior analyst Wednesday.

Callaway was Brohm's offensive line coach in 2014 and 2015 at Western Kentucky before Callaway took the same job at Southern California.

Callaway spent two seasons with the Trojans but has not coached since. Purdue did not describe his exact role with the Boilermakers.

His previous stops have included stops at Georgia, Houston and Alabama, his alma mater, as well as UAB where he went 18-42 in five seasons as the head coach. Callaway started his career at as a part-time assistant at East Carolina in 1978 and took a full-time job at Wyoming in 1980

Callaway also played for the late Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama from 1974-77 and was part of three SEC championship teams.

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Wabash's Dereck Vogel lays the ball in during the third quarter of Tuesday's win over Eastbrook.

Apaches cage Panthers to start busy week

By JACOB RUDE

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WABASH — One could have excused the Wabash boys' basketball team for having wandering eyes in Tuesday's match-up at home against Eastbrook. With a pair of high-profile matchups set for the coming weekend, the one-win Panthers could have easily been a stumbling block for Wabash.

But from the opening tip, the tone was set as junior guard Dereck Vogel nabbed a loose ball and flew in uncontested for a layup only seconds into the game. The ensuing full-court press kept the Panthers on its heels for much of the first quarter and the Apaches would face little resistance on the night, quickly opening up a double-digit lead on their way to a 66-38 win.

"We didn't want Eastbrook

to get comfortable," Wabash head coach Paul Wright said of his choice to go with a full-court press to open the game. "We don't want any team to get comfortable. We really wanted to pressure them and I thought we did a pretty good job of that in our press. We showed them about every press we had to try to work on it as well as we don't want teams to walk it up and down the floor."

"We wanted to make sure when they got here that they were going to push the ball or dribble it with some pressure and I thought our guys did a pretty good job of setting the tone."

A chance to clinch a share of the TRC title on Friday and Senior Night against formerly ranked Blackford and standout Luke Brown on Saturday, the Apaches took the floor on Tuesday and made quick work of the

Panthers.

After some early back and forth action saw the score at 6-3, Wabash used a 9-2 run to create separation and open up a 10-point lead. A 7-0 run late in the period saw Wabash's lead grow to 22-7.

Eastbrook used three-pointers from Alex Baker and Jaxson Vanbelkum on either side of the quarter break to keep the lead at 24-13. But Wabash responded with a 12-0 run that featured a heavy dose of Trenton Daughtry as five of his 10 points on the night came in the stretch.

Back-to-back three-pointers from Jasper Walter and Kallen Kelsheimer capped off the run and put the hosts ahead 36-13.

The lead never dipped below 17 points in the third quarter and touched 30 points following consecutive threes from Kelsheimer

and Joe Leland, giving the hosts a 57-27 lead. Bryce Dmyszewicz beat the buzzer from halfcourt for Eastbrook to end the period but it was one of the lone highlights of the second half as Wabash's starters sat for the final 10-plus minutes of the game.

Nine Apaches scored on the night with six players finishing with at least eight points. Kelsheimer was the top scorer at 11 points followed by Daughtry then Vogel and Walter with nine apiece. Wabash finished with 21 assists on 26 field goals.

"We see that a lot in practice," Wright said of his team's unselfishness. "We share the ball. We've shared it all year. Especially you saw last weekend, we had different guys playing in different situations. That's one

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Ryan Newman released from hospital after Daytona crash

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ryan Newman was released from a Florida hospital on Wednesday, two days after his frightening crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

Roush Fenway Racing released a photo of Newman leaving a Daytona Beach hospital holding the hands of his two young daughters. The announcement came just a few hours after the team said he was fully alert and walking around the hospital.

The team said the 42-year-old Indiana native "continues to show great improvement." The team added that "true to his jovial nature, he has also been joking around with staff, friends and family while playing with his two daughters" and included a photo of Newman standing in a hospital gown, smiling with his arms around the girls.

Newman was injured Monday night when he crashed while leading NASCAR's biggest race. Contact from Ryan Blaney sent Newman spinning into the wall and his Ford went airborne, where it was then hit by Corey LaJoie in the driver side door.

The car landed on its roof, slid across Daytona International Speedway and came to a rest upside down and on fire, with gasoline pouring out of the vehicle. It took a safety team nearly 20 minutes to remove Newman from the car and he was taken to a Daytona Beach hospital.

Details of Newman's injuries have not been released. The team also has not announced who will drive the No. 6 Ford at Las Vegas this weekend.

Blaney and LaJoie have stepped back from racing to process their roles in the accident. LaJoie climbed from his own burning car and dropped to his knees on the track, learning only after he was checked at the care center that Newman was injured.

Blaney seemed distraught as he paced beside his car following his second-place finish to Denny Hamlin, fellow driver Bubba Wallace, one of Blaney's best friends, said he spent time with Blaney on Tuesday and advised him to stay off social media for a few days.

"He's holding up, of course devastated and bummed about the situation," Wallace posted on Twitter. "Had to sit there and explain to him could've happened to him or any of us in the field. IT'S RACING. Just unfortunate to be on either end of it."

Wallace also praised Blaney's attempt to push Newman to the win in a move of brand alliance for Ford. When Blaney tried to lock onto Newman's bumper to give him a shove the cars didn't align properly and Newman was instead hooked into a spin.

"I know Ford should be proud to have him under their

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Braves too much for Squires

By TRENT SCOTT

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BUNKER HILL — As the second quarter of Tuesday's TRC boys' basketball game went on, Northfield found itself hanging around with Maconaquah, one of the four teams still within touching distance of the conference title.

A pair of three-point plays gave the hosts some breathing space in the final minutes and the Norsemen found themselves in a footrace they could not keep the pace in, falling to the Braves 74-52.

Northfield head coach Rick Brewer said the team handled the first few waves of Maconaquah pressure but

didn't withstand the later waves as well.

"One of the things we wrote on the board was, 'Can you withstand their runs?' as we knew (Maconaquah) was going to make them because they're such good shooters," Brewer said. "We did withstand one but then they went on another one that pushed the lead out to 20 and we couldn't stand that one, playing even with them the rest of the way."

"They beat us by 11 in both halves but overall the guys played hard. We just didn't shoot the ball well tonight."

Both teams looked to get going from deep early but a combination of defensive pressure and shots not fall-

ing meant both Maconaquah and Northfield had to look for different routes to get points.

The Braves did so early by getting to the free throw line, knocking down their first four points from the line while going 6-of-7 at the stripe from four trips in the opening quarter.

Outside of trailing 3-0 to start the game, the hosts maintained a lead between three and six points, getting their first six-point gap on a Cole Borden three.

The lead never got too out of hand, however, as the Norsemen kept a balance between inside play from



Trent Scott / Peru Tribune

Northfield's Kaleb Krom drives to the basket past a Braves defender during Tuesday's game at Maconaquah.

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SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indiana Boys Basketball
Top 10 Teams

The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school boys basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, rating points and previous rankings:

Class 4A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Bloomington South (13)	20-0	260	1
2. Lawrence North	19-1	226	2
3. Lawrence Central	19-2	200	3
4. Lafayette Jeff	20-3	166	6
5. Munster	18-1	145	7
6. Chesterton	18-2	119	4
7. Culver Academy	14-4	108	10
8. Indianapolis Attucks	17-4	95	9
9. Brownsburg	17-3	93	5
10. Hamilton Southeastern	15-5	55	NR
Others receiving votes: Carmel 46. S. Bend Adams 25. Northridge 22.			

Class 3A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Silver Creek (12)	19-2	258	1
2. Danville (1)	18-2	211	2
3. Heritage Hills	16-3	195	3
4. Norwell	18-1	178	4
5. Greensburg	18-2	152	5
6. Mishawaka Marian	14-4	140	7
7. Sullivan	17-2	109	9
8. S. Bend St. Joseph's	14-5	86	8
9. Delta	14-4	77	NR
10. Hammond	16-3	67	6
Others receiving votes: Mississinewa 27. Ev. Bosse 22. Indpls Brebeuf 10. S. Bend Washington 9. Ft. Wayne Luers 7. Beech Grove 6. Edgewood 6.			

Class 2A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Shenandoah (3)	16-2	236	2
2. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (3)	16-3	230	3
(tie) Linton-Stockton (7)	19-2	230	1
4. Westview	16-3	177	5
5. University	16-4	139	6
6. S. Decatur	19-2	117	4
7. Parke Heritage	17-3	96	9
8. Paoli	16-3	79	10
9. Prairie Hts.	14-4	75	7
10. Ev. Mater Dei	14-5	41	8
Others receiving votes: Central Noble 39. Tipton 32. S. Spencer 30. Bowman Academy 21. Southwestern (Jefferson) 6. Churubusco 6. Blackford 6.			

Class 1A	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Greenwood Christian (9)	20-0	248	1
2. Barr-Reeve (1)	19-1	220	3
(tie) Gary-21st Century (3)	17-3	220	2
4. Kouts	17-1	180	5
5. Lafayette Catholic	16-3	170	6
6. Providence Cristo Rey	16-3	113	7
7. N. Daviess	14-7	105	8
8. Covington	15-5	99	9
9. Loogootee	15-5	95	4
10. Morristown	15-5	63	10
Others receiving votes: Bloomfield 22. Tri-Central 13. Washington Twp. 6. Christian Academy 6.			

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's results

WISCONSIN 69, PURDUE 65

PURDUE (14-13)
Boudreaux 1-5 0-0 2, Haarms 1-3 0-0 2, Eastern 6-12 2-3 14, Hunter 1-4 0-0 2, Proctor 0-4 0-0 0, Stefanovic 3-7 2-2 11, Williams 8-16 1-2 17, Thompson 3-7 0-0 9, Wheeler 2-5 3-3 8. Totals 25-63 8-10 65.

WISCONSIN (16-10)
Ford 7-11 0-0 19, Potter 0-3 0-0 0, Reuvers 3-10 5-6 12, Davison 3-7 4-4 13, Trice 3-11 0-0 8, Pritzl 2-6 8-8 13, Anderson 0-1 2-2 2, Wahl 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 19-50 19-20 69.
Halftime—Wisconsin 30-27. 3-Point Goals—Purdue 7-19 (Thompson 3-5, Stefanovic 3-6, Wheeler 1-4, Boudreaux 0-2, Hunter 0-2), Wisconsin 12-31 (Ford 5-8, Davison 3-5, Trice 2-7, Pritzl 1-5, Reuvers 1-5, Potter 0-1). Rebounds—Purdue 36 (Williams 12), Wisconsin 27 (Ford 7). Assists—Purdue 13 (Eastern 4), Wisconsin 13 (Trice 5). Total Fouls—Purdue 24, Wisconsin 14. A—17,042 (17,230).

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Duke	12	2	.857	22	3	.880
Florida St.	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Louisville	12	3	.800	21	5	.808
Virginia	9	5	.643	17	7	.708
NC State	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Syracuse	7	7	.500	14	11	.560
Notre Dame	7	8	.467	16	10	.615
Clemson	7	8	.467	13	12	.520
Boston College	7	8	.467	13	13	.500
Virginia Tech	6	8	.429	15	10	.600
Georgia Tech	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	15	12	.556
Miami	5	10	.333	13	12	.520
Wake Forest	4	11	.267	11	14	.440
North Carolina	3	12	.200	10	16	.385

Tuesday's Game
Florida St. 82, Pittsburgh 67
Wednesday's Games
Syracuse at Louisville
Georgia Tech at Wake Forest
Boston College at Virginia
Duke at NC State
Miami at Virginia Tech

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	10	3	.769	18	7	.720
Creighton	10	4	.714	21	6	.778
Villanova	8	4	.667	19	6	.760
Butler	7	6	.538	19	7	.731
Marquette	7	6	.538	17	8	.680
Providence	7	6	.538	14	12	.538
Xavier	6	7	.462	17	9	.654
Georgetown	5	7	.417	15	10	.600
St. John's	3	10	.231	14	12	.538
DePaul	1	11	.083	13	12	.520

Tuesday's Game
Creighton 73, Marquette 65
Wednesday's Games
Butler at Seton Hall
Providence at Georgetown
Villanova at DePaul

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Penn St.	10	5	.667	20	6	.769
Iowa	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Rutgers	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Illinois	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Michigan St.	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Wisconsin	9	6	.600	16	10	.615
Ohio St.	7	7	.500	17	8	.680
Michigan	7	7	.500	16	9	.640

Tuesday's Games
Illinois 62, Penn St. 56
Wisconsin 69, Purdue 65
Maryland 76, Northwestern 67
Wednesday's Games
Michigan at Rutgers
Indiana at Minnesota
Today's Games
Ohio St. at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Michigan St. at Nebraska, 8:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	38	16	.704	1½
Phila.	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

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banner because he was so content on pushing his Ford teammate to win the biggest race of the year,” Wallace wrote. “Which makes it worse (because) a simple selfless gesture went south in the blink of an eye.”

ON THE AIR

BIATHLON	
1 a.m. (Friday)	
NBCSN — IBU World Championships: Single Mixed Relay, Antholz-Anterselva, Italy (taped)	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)	
7 p.m.	
CBSSN — South Florida at Wichita State	
ESPN — Ohio State at Iowa	
ESPN2 — Connecticut at Temple	
ESPNU — Vermont at Stony Brook	
8 p.m.	
PAC-12N — Oregon State at Arizona	
8:30 p.m.	
FS1 — Michigan State at Nebraska	
9 p.m.	
CBSSN — Santa Clara at Brigham Young	
ESPN — Oregon at Arizona State	
ESPN2 — Southern California at Colorado	
ESPNU — North Carolina (Asheville) at Radford	
10 p.m.	
PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington	
10:30 p.m.	
FS1 — UCLA at Utah	
11 p.m.	
CBSSN — Loyola Marymount at St. Mary's	
ESPN2 — San Francisco at Gonzaga	
ESPNU — Hawaii at California (Riverside)	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)	
6 p.m.	
ACCN — Clemson at Syracuse	
7 p.m.	
BTN — Michigan State at Purdue	
SECN — Tennessee at Arkansas	
8 p.m.	
ACCN — North Carolina State at Miami	

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	11½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	47	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	31	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled.

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled.

Today's Games
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Phila., 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phila. at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Boston	60	37	11	12	86	199 146
Tampa Bay	60	40	15	5	85	215 159
Toronto	61	31	22	8	70	213 204
Florida	59	31	22	6	68	206 201
Buffalo	60	27	25	8	62	175 190
Montreal	62	27	27	8	62	187 192
Ottawa	60	21	28	11	53	163 204
Detroit	62	15	43	4	34	127 232
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Pittsburgh	58	37	15	6	80	196 154
Washington	59	37	17	5	79	208 180
Philadelphia	60	33	20	7	73	198 178
N.Y. Islanders	58	33	19	6	72	167 159
Carolina	59	34	21	4	72	193 164
Columbus	61	30	24	12	72	156 155
N.Y. Rangers	58	30	24	4	64	189 181
New Jersey	59	22	27	10	54	162 207
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
St. Louis	60	33	17	10	76	190 172
Dallas	59	34	19	6	74	161 151
Colorado	58	33	18	7	73	206 164
Winnipeg	61	31	25	5	67	185 184
Nashville	59	29	23	7	65	190 191
Minnesota	58	27	24	7	61	176 187
Chicago	59	26	25	8	60	176 188

Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	59	32	21	6	70	190	183
Vegas	61	31	22	8	70	192	185
Vancouver	59	32	22	5	69	191	180
Calgary	61	31	24	6	68	180	190
Arizona	62	30	24	8	68	172	167
San Jose	59	26	29	4	56	155	194
Anaheim	59	24	28	7	55	155	186
Los Angeles	60	21	34	5	47	148	193
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.							

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N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 10 p.m.	
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.	
Today's Games	
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.	
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.	
Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Vegas, 10 p.m.	
Florida at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	
Friday's Games	
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.	
Detroit vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans	

Verlander, approaching age 37, hopes to remain among elite

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — As Justin Verlander approaches his 37th birthday, Houston’s ace evolves to maintain the skills that allowed him to win his second Cy Young Award last season, eight years after he won the first one.

Verlander, who will turn 37 on Thursday, talked about aging this week as he prepares for his 16th MLB season.

“The end goal is just to continue to adapt and try to be successful and fight this age thing,” he said. “You can’t just keep doing the same stuff. Your body changes as you get older

and you need to adapt and do things a little bit differently to try stay on top of your game.”

Verlander was able to do that last season when he led the majors with 21 wins and his 2.58 ERA ranked second in the American League. He won the AL Cy Young Award for the first time since 2011, when he also was MVP.

Verlander led the majors with 223 innings, his most since 2012, and his 34 starts tied for the most in the league. he became just the sixth pitcher to throw three no-hitters.

“It’s hard to be that successful for that long without working exceptionally hard and being exceptionally

strong mentally,” new Astros manager Dusty Baker said.

Though Verlander always hoped to have a long career, there was a time where he wondered if he’d even pitch into his mid-30s. He was hurt in 2014 at age 31 and didn’t feel like himself.

“Not that the competitiveness faded, but my ability to compete at a high level,” he said on his self-doubt. “It was difficult. It was mentally draining just not being healthy and trying to fight through it for myself, for the Tigers. At the time just hearing everybody say I was done just wasn’t easy.”

He was eventually able to get healthy and pitch 2½ more seasons for the Tigers,

then was traded to the Astros during the 2017 season.

“I look back at that now as kind of a necessary evil for my career,” he said. “I learned a lot about my body and my process through that and I’m just fortunate that I didn’t severely hurt myself during that time and I was able to come out of it better on the other side.”

Verlander said his years of training for the rigors of a season have taught him many lessons. He doesn’t lean on anyone specific for help and advice, but he tries to gather information from experts in a variety of fields to perfect his training plan.

And now that he’s starting his third full season with the Astros, he’s more comfort-

able being a leader. He detests in helping Houston’s young pitchers and always is available to answer questions and give advice.

“That’s one of the biggest things that I want to leave this game with is hopefully, I made an impact on some other careers, too,” he said.

While Verlander prepares for the season, the right-hander, like the rest of the Astros, knows the team will have to deal with the fallout from the sign-stealing scandal. He believes the only way to move on from it will come during the regular season.

“I think that’ll happen on the baseball field when we start playing real meaningful games,” he said. “Like I

said before, I think. the only thing we can do is go out and play baseball and win.”

With fellow ace Gerrit Cole gone to the Yankees as a free agent, Verlander will need to turn in another exceptional season if the Astros hope to return to the World Series. He’s under contract with through the 2021 season but has indicated that he’d like to pitch past that if he’s still performing well.

“I owe it to myself, I owe it to the team I’m playing for and I owe it to everybody along the way that’s helped me be where I am to give everything I’ve got to stay as good as I can and put in the work for as long as I can,” he said.

Virologist: Tokyo Olympic Games probably couldn’t be held now

By **STEPHEN WADE**
Associated Press

TOKYO — A respected Japanese virologist on Wednesday said if the Tokyo Olympics were tomorrow, the games probably couldn’t be held because of the fast-spreading virus from Wuhan, China.

“We need to find the best way to have a safe Olympics,” Dr. Hitoshi Oshitani said, speaking at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan. “Right now we don’t have an effective strategy, and I think it may be difficult to have the Olympics (now). But by the end of July we may be in a different situation.”

The local Tokyo Olympic organizing committee and the International Olympic Committee have repeatedly said over the last few weeks that they are following the advice of the World Health Organization and that the games will go on.

But with every passing day, the impact of the virus seems to spread, and so does the fallout: Olympic qualifying events are canceled or postponed, travel gets difficult, and athletes and families are left wondering. Not to mention sponsors and broadcasting networks that have invested billions of dollars in the Olympics.

The modern Olympics dating from 1896 have only been canceled during

wartime, and in 1980 and 1984 they went on with boycotts.

Oshitani, a former adviser with the WHO who worked on the SARS outbreak almost 20 years ago, was hopeful but sowed some uncertainty about the July 24-Aug. 9 Olympics.

“I’m not sure (of) the situation in Japan at the end of July,” he said, answering in English. “But probably we will not have large outbreaks in Japan in July.”

Oshitani said he was most concerned about a “Wuhan-type” of outbreak taking place in Africa or other parts of Asia and having cases imported into Japan. He said if that happened “it may get difficult to have” the Olympics. But he also suggested Japan might be able to handle it.

“So what we have to do now is try to prevent such a thing from happening,” he added, saying the Japanese government should support countries so they don’t have “that kind of situation.”

The viral outbreak has infected more than 75,000 people globally. China has reported 2,004 deaths among 74,185 cases on the mainland, mostly in the central province of Hubei. Only one death in Japan has been attributed to the virus.

Earlier in the week, Shigeru Omi, a former regional director of the WHO and an infectious disease expert from Japan, also said he could not be sure

about the Olympics.

“Whether the outbreak will last until the Olympic date or not depends upon the virus and the societal effort and joint international community,” he said at a news conference. “Nobody can predict whether we can contain the virus or put an end to this outbreak before the Olympics start. That’s anybody’s guess.”

He added it was not a “big question mark, but there is a question mark.”

In the spotlight are 19 test events that Japan is to hold beginning next month, a chance for organizers to practice in competition mode and an opportunity for potential Olympic athletes to check out Japan.

In a cancellation Wednesday, the Kyodo news agency reported that Mongolia’s archery team had pulled out of a training camp in Japan’s central Aichi prefecture.

Dozens of sports events have been called off around Asia in the wake of the outbreak, including the indoor world track and field championships next month in Nanjing, China, and the Formula One race in April in Shanghai.

Organizers announced last week that next month’s Tokyo Marathon will be limited to elite runners and wheelchair athletes. About 38,000 runners had been expected to participate in one of the world’s largest races.

Yankees’ Stanton says he would have hit 80-plus homers if he knew the pitches

By **MARK DITTLER**
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees star Giancarlo Stanton imagined having the advantage the Houston Astros gained in their scam.

“If I knew what was coming in ‘17, I probably would have hit 80-plus home runs,” he said Wednesday.

Stanton agreed with teammate Aaron Judge that the Astros should be stripped of their 2017 World Series title and that they kept on cheating during the 2019 season.

Major League Baseball concluded the Astros used a video camera to steal catchers’ signs in 2017, including during the postseason, and in 2018.

“They did their investigation and it was clear-cut that they cheated that year, which means it should be taken away,” Stanton said. “If you cheat in another way during the season, you can’t even be in the playoffs. It’s pretty much the same difference.”

Houston owner Jim Crane said at a news conference last week he wasn’t sure how much of an advantage the sign stealing was for his team.

Houston beat the Yankees in a seven-game AL Championship Series in 2017, winning all four home games, and defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in a seven-game World Series.

Astros manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were suspended for one season each, then were fired by the team. Houston was fined \$5 million and stripped of its next two first- and second-round draft picks.

Commissioner Rob Manfred said Sunday he wasn’t 100 percent sure the Astros didn’t violate rules in 2019 but it was his best judgment that they didn’t. The Yankees were beat in the ALCS by Houston.

“I don’t think you really stop until you get caught in something like that,” Stanton said.

Astros players were not disciplined by MLB.

“I don’t think the penalties were harsh enough player-wise,” Stanton said. “At the end of the day it gives more incentive to do that if you’re not going to punish the players.”

Stanton felt the Astros did a “very poor job of bringing their side to it” when they attempted to explain what happened.

“We know that they really don’t care to give an apology or explain their side, and it showed by their response,” Stanton said. “You know the repercussions of doing something like that. You’re really only sorry because you got caught. You have all this whirlwind of which you’ve got to deal with, not the actual action.”

Gerrit Cole, who signed a \$324 million, nine-year free-agent contract with the Yankees after pitching for Houston, has repeatedly said he was unaware of any rule-breaking by the Astros.

“Everybody is entitled to their opinion,” Cole said. “It’s their own opinion and people handle this the way that they want to handle it. We’re all grown guys around here and I am certainly not going to tell anybody how to think. So, I don’t see it as an issue and I’m not personally offended by it. Hopefully, that’s the last question that I’ll have to answer about it.”

Stanton, limited to just 18 games last season due to a variety of injuries that included his knee and quadriceps, said he is fully healthy.

“No limitations,” Stanton said. “Just be smart with the workload getting back into it.”

Cole threw all four of his pitches during a 40-pitch outing in his second batting practice session and said he will pitch an inning in his first spring training start against Pittsburgh on Monday night. ... Judge (right shoulder soreness) resumed playing catch and did outfield drills. He took soft half-swings while tracking pitches in the bullpen. ... Guest instructor Andy Pettitte is working with RHP Masahiro Tanaka on his cutter.

John Beilein resigns as Cavaliers coach

By **TOM WITHERS**
Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — John Beilein didn’t make it through one NBA season. Another college coaching dropout.

Wildly successful at Michigan and other stops in his coaching career, Beilein resigned Wednesday after just 54 games with the rebuilding Cavaliers, who can’t seem to find the right person to lead their team.

The 67-year-old Beilein never got comfortable during his short stint in the pro game. The demands of travel, lack of practice time and a group of players who didn’t respect him or respond to his coaching style proved to be too much, so he decided to move on before the team returned from the All-Star break.

The Cavs went just 14-40 under Beilein, who the Cavaliers signed to a five-year contract last May.

The Cavs said Beilein will be reassigned to a different role within the organization.

From the start there were issues in

Cleveland. The Cavs didn’t embrace Beilein’s methods in training camp — he had his big men doing fundamental “Mikan” drills — and players grumbled that he was treating them like kids and not paid professionals.

All the losing had an effect on Beilein, who more than once acknowledged he was feeling beaten down by his team’s struggles.

Cavs general manager Koby Altman stood by Beilein throughout his tenure. But as the All-Star break approached, it became evident that a change was necessary in order to salvage a season that from the start was devoted to developing the Cavs’ core of young talent, which includes guards Collin Sexton and Darius Garland along with forwards Larry Nance Jr. and Cedi Osman.

Beilein’s not the first high-profile college coach to flop in the NBA. Kentucky’s John Calipari, Rick Pitino, Tim Floyd, Mike Montgomery and P.J. Carlesimo are among a group who found coaching at the highest level problematic.

Associate head coach J.B. Bicker-

staff will take over on an interim basis for Beilein. Bickerstaff had become the preferred sounding board for Cleveland’s players and he has head coaching experience after nearly two full seasons in Memphis and one with Houston.

Bickerstaff took over the Rockets 11 games into the 2015-16 season when Kevin McHale was fired. He led them to a 37-34 record and a playoff appearance, but took his name out of consideration to be the next full-time Houston coach after the season.

Beilein’s departure continues a troubling pattern for the Cavs, who have been plagued by coaching instability and nearly constant change over the past few years. Bickerstaff is Cleveland’s seventh coach since 2013.

While the Cavs didn’t make things easy on Beilein, he didn’t help himself, either. During a team meeting in Detroit last month, he inadvertently called his players “thugs” when reviewing game film. Beilein apologized for the remarks, but the incident caused a larger wedge between him and the players.

Astros name is barred by Little Leagues near Williamsport

By **JAKE SEINER**
Associated Press

Just 60 miles east of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, one Little League director is sending a clear message to his 4,000 players about the Houston Astros and their sign-stealing scam.

José Altuve? Alex Bregman? Carlos Correa? They’re all out.

“Right now, in our leagues, the Astros are suspended,” said Bob Bertoni, head of District 16/31 Little League.

Bertoni is recommending that no teams in the 23 leagues he oversees utilize the Astros name this season after it was discovered Houston took a live camera feed to

steal signs en route to a 2017 World Series title. He said a few teams used the name last year.

“I think about our Little League pledge, that’s the first thing that comes to my mind: part of the pledge is, ‘I will play fair and strive to win,’” Bertoni said.

“Our kids emulate and idolize major league players,” he added. “I don’t think we as an organization should be idolizing teams that have decided not to play by the rules.”

The Orange County Register reported last week that two Little League communities in Southern California banned the Astros team name for the upcoming season — a matter of ethics, but also a

reflection of frustration after Houston beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2017 World Series.

Bertoni said his district, which covers all of Luzerne County in northwest Pennsylvania, was already considering outlawing the Astros name when he saw those headlines.

He doesn’t think he’ll be the last district administrator to take such action, either. Little League heads from around the country are set to meet in Hartford in two weeks, and Bertoni anticipates the Astros will be a top talking point.

“I think you’ll see it on a larger scale,” he said.

Little League International, the Williamsport-based

governing body for baseball and softball leagues around the world, said in a statement it won’t restrict districts or leagues from barring the Astros name.

“Local Little League programs have long used Major League Baseball club names for their local teams,” it said. “The volunteers operating those programs have the authority to name their teams, which often reflect the interests of their community and its baseball fans. This unfortunate situation has taught Little Leaguers an important lesson about playing by the rules.”

“We value our relationship with Major League Baseball and its efforts to expand op-

portunities for youth baseball and softball, and the best thing that Little League International can do for MLB and the entire baseball community is to teach children how to play the sport by the rules and with a high-level of sportsmanship.”

Bertoni said he is concerned that impressionable players might try to mimic parts of Houston’s scheme, in which players watching the catcher’s signals via a video feed near the dugout would bang on a trash can to relay to hitters whether the pitcher was throwing a fastball, breaking ball or changeup.

“That is the reason for the first initial step,” Bertoni

said. “If we did nothing, that opens the door to allow these kids to do that.”

“We’re going to educate our managers and coaches to say, ‘Stealing signs, pounding on a trash can, that nonsense is not what you do when you play baseball or softball. Cheating should never come into play.”

Bertoni said feedback from parents has been positive, and also noted that some communities couldn’t buy Astros uniforms this year if they wanted. At least one supplier — Athletic Image in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania — told Bertoni his company won’t be selling replica Astros hats or jerseys this season in protest.

Wife says friend living upstairs should move on

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a friend, “George,” who rents our upstairs. Our home is large, and the second floor has all the amenities of a 2,500-square-foot house. He has his separate entrance and never has to come through our living space. In the beginning, I agreed to the arrangement because he was going through a divorce and needed a place to live. Now, for the past several months, his ex has been spending nights upstairs. We just celebrated the holidays, and his family was here together.

I’m feeling very confused and uncomfortable having them both up there. Now that George seems to have worked through his marital problems, I feel it’s time he moves out. My husband doesn’t understand why I feel this way and can’t understand why I want my house back! Please give me some insight on how to handle this. Or am I overreacting? Please tell me I’m not being selfish. – Being Used In The South

DEAR BEING USED: You are not selfish, and you’re not overreacting. Refresh your husband’s memory about how the arrangement began. It was a safe refuge for a friend going through a traumatic life change. Those circumstances no longer apply, and if you are not comfortable with George entertaining his ex under your roof, it is understandable. Communal living is not for everyone.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my husband booked me and our infant son on a trip to visit some of his family in California. I didn’t want to go in the first place because I was, and still am, struggling with postpartum depression, anxiety and stress in our relationship.

I had one request: Do not put me and our infant son in the head-of-the-household’s car. My husband’s father drives recklessly and shows no regard for human life. Well, of course my husband didn’t speak up about it, and we ended up in Mr. Reckless’ car. Now I look like “the difficult wife” because I’d rather catch a rideshare or fly back home. Am I being dramatic or overly concerned with safety? – Safe Or Sorry In The Midwest

DEAR SAFE OR SORRY: Overly concerned? It’s your job to be concerned with safety. Because your husband failed to speak up didn’t mean that YOU shouldn’t have.

As a mother, you are responsible for your baby’s safety. You should have expressed that if you and your little one – in a child seat, I presume – couldn’t travel in someone else’s vehicle, you would be taking other transportation. In the future, when visiting your in-laws, this is what you should do.

DEAR ABBY: Today was warm, so my friend and I went for a walk with my dog at a neighborhood park. We decided to rest on a park bench that was shaded by trees. A man was sitting there, and I asked if he would mind if we shared the bench with him. The man said he was waiting for a personal call. I told him we wouldn’t listen and sat down. The man stood up and said angrily that we should have respected the fact he was there first and stalked off! Were we wrong to sit down? – Baffled In California

DEAR BAFFLED: No, you were not wrong. It’s a public park. If the man was uncomfortable talking in front of you, he should have taken his phone and talked elsewhere – which he did.

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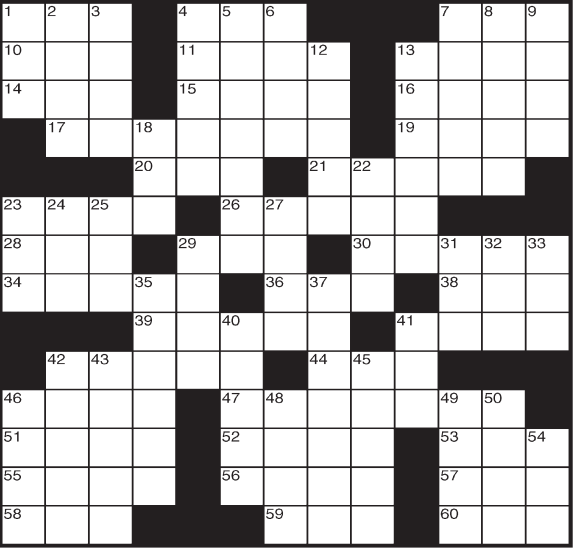
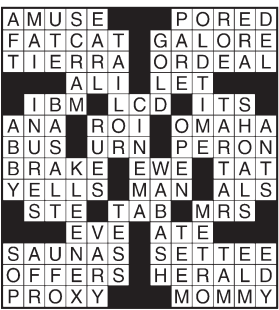
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 - 16 Omigosh!
 - 17 Stalemate
 - 19 Building extensions
 - 20 Tempe inst.
 - 21 Stand up
 - 23 Mr. Uris of “Topaz”
 - 26 Second showing
 - 28 Moon, in verse
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 - 30 Snow shelter
 - 34 Arrogance
 - 36 Guitarist — Wood
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 - 47 Relieved
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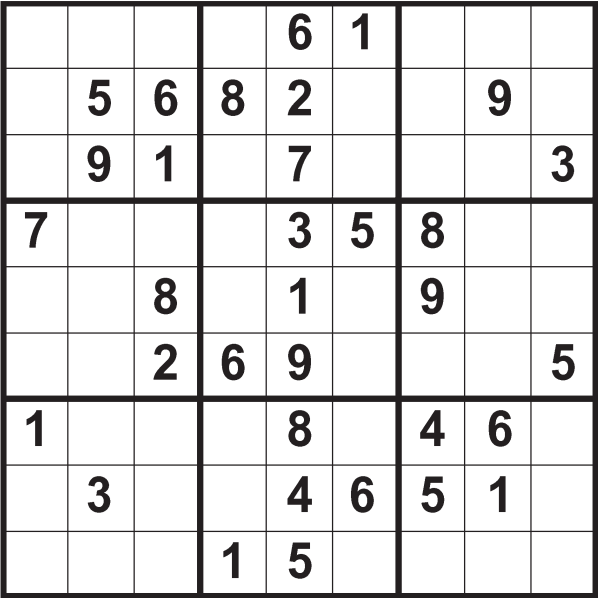
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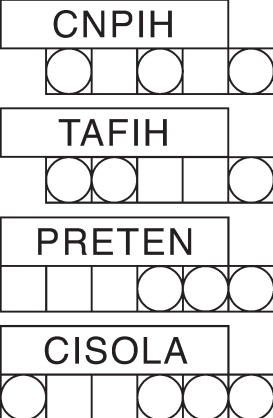
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



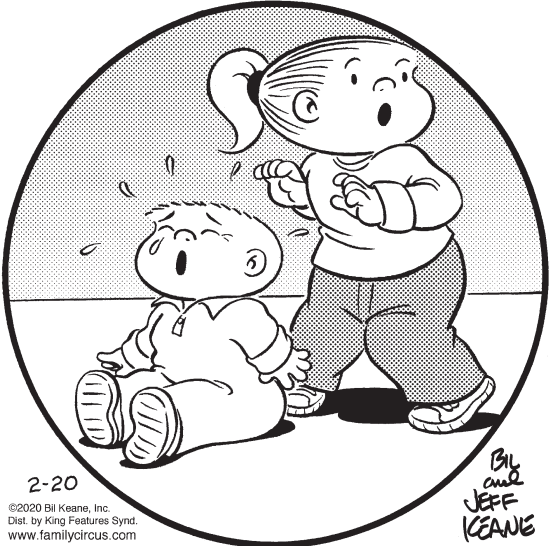
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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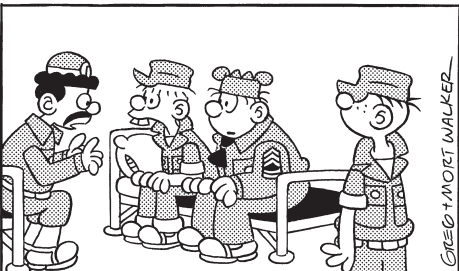
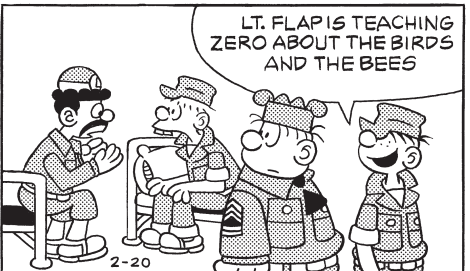
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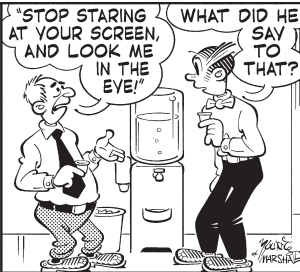
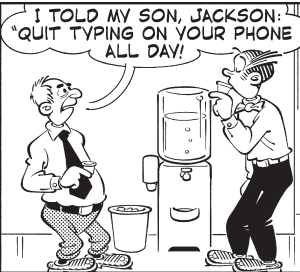
“I was just trying to show him how to toddle.”

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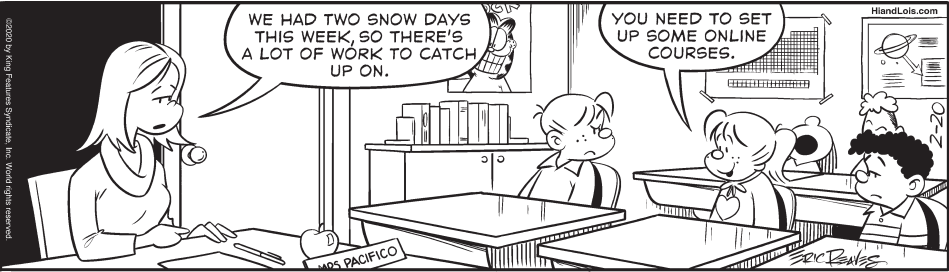
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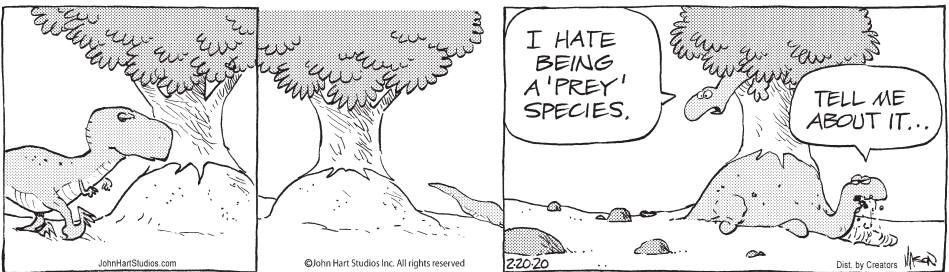
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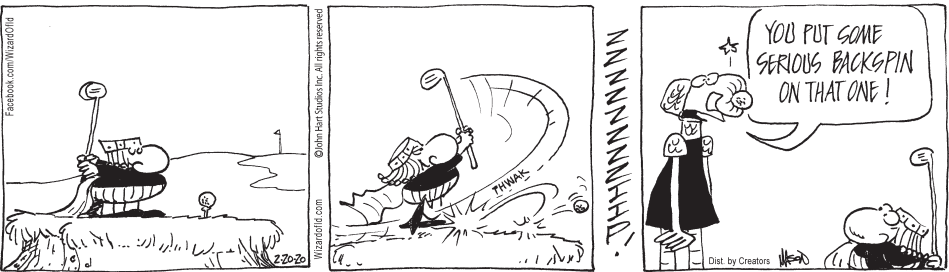
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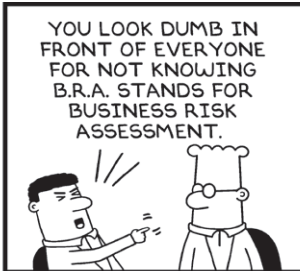
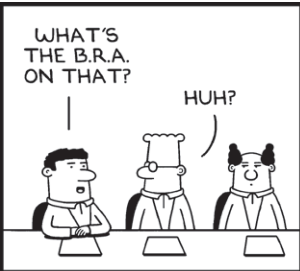
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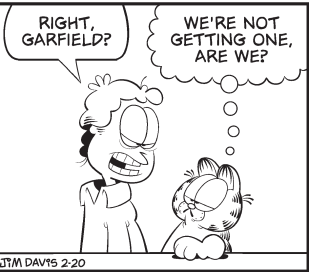
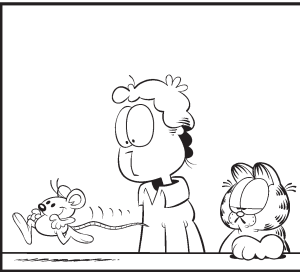
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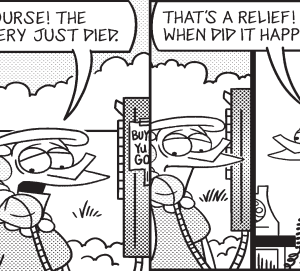
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The tongue is more powerful and deadly than an atomic bomb

Q: With all the grotesque problems of today’s American culture, it seems trifle to sound the alarm on bad language, but hasn’t it gotten quite out of hand? No matter where you turn, there is no escaping the filth that comes from people’s mouths, but is it technically a sin? – F.M.

A: The tongue is one of the smallest members of the body, yet it is more powerful and deadly than an atomic bomb. The results of societal disintegration are seen all around us, flaunted in political headlines, glamorized on television, on the big screen, in today’s music and in real life. One of the results is in the loss of dignity. No better example can be found than in the use of language. Most decent people wonder what impact the raw-lan-

guage culture will have as society moves forward. Music and comedy routines flout human decency in such obscene ways that even reading about them makes us sick. Are we shockproof? Some parents are vocal; the majority say it just reflects the world we live in. Young people aren’t shocked by anything. This in itself is shocking!

Should we be concerned about the acceptable use of vile language? It is grievous, and people do not stop and consider what the Bible has to say: “The tongue is a

fire, a world of iniquity.... It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.... Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing... these things ought not to be so” (James 3:6-10).

As with all sinfulness, it is time for us to repent and ask the Lord to forgive us and change us so that we can say with the psalmist: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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“ U XWK, VFK U’R X RYKSHN DUNJK
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XVYFK HCOMPYNUZL KSH SFRXZ JYFP.”
— XZZHKKH VHZUZZ

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Street, Wabash, IN
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$15,642.28

Cause No.: 85C01-1902-MF-000140
Plaintiff: Bank of America, N.A.
Defendant: Tammy L. Hurst, AKA Tammy Hurst,
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Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County
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Attorney: Elyssa M. Meade
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the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Town-
ship 28 North, Range 6 East, City of Wabash,
Wabash County, Indiana, being more particu-
larly described as follows: Beginning at the
southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of
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seconds West (grid bearing, North American
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tion; thence North 13 degrees 05 minutes 43
East, along said easterly right of way line,
1044.56 feet to the point of curvature of a
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stake with "JHS RLS" identification; thence
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line and a curve to the right, having a radius of
1382.40 feet, an arc length of 738.34 feet, and
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grees 04 minutes 50 seconds East, a chord
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ment; thence North 46 degrees 03 minutes 15
seconds East, along said easterly right of way
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ana, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday
through Friday of each week until the date of
the hearing on the application. A public hear-
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mission on the 4th day of March, 2020, at 6:30
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bash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at which time all
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